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R 300327Z OCT 74
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4396
INFO AMCONSUL BRISBANE
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AMCONSUL PERTH
AMCONGEN SYDNEY

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EO 11652: NA.
TAGS: OVIP, AS (DENT, FREDERICK B)
SUBJ: SECRETARY OF COMMERCE VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

REF: A. STATE 236368
B. CANBERRA 7076.

1. THIS MESSAGE COVERS STATUS OF ACTION ON POINTS RAISED REF (A).

2. REVISED ITINERARY NOTED INCLUDING APPROXIMATE HOURS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

3. CANBERRA ARRIVAL SCHEDULE - EMBASSY PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED. DETAILS WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL.

4. CANBERRA PROGRAM -

(A) GOA HAS NOT FIRMED UP DETAILED PLANS FOR RECEIVING SECRETARY. UNOFFICIALLY THEY VISUALIZE NO PROBLEM WITH SUGGESTION THAT GOA HOSPITALITY BE SCHEDULED TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 3. WE HAVE REQEUSTED APPOINTMENTS WITH PRIME MINISTER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, MINISTER FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND ENERGY PER REF (A). WILL
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ADVISE WHEN GOA RESPONDS.

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(B) BASIS OF REF (A) WE HAVE INFORMALLY ACCEPTED ON SECRETARY'S BEHALF NATIONAL PRESS CLUB INVITATION FOR HIM TO BE SPEAKER AT CLUB'S MONTHLY LUNCHEON 12:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, LAKESIDE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL. SPEECHES NORMALLY 20 TO 25 MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY 30 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION. CLUB HAS RESERVED LAKESIDE BALLROOM AND IS SENDING FORMAL CONFIRMING LETTER OF INVITATION TO SECRETARY. USIS CANBERRA REQUESTS COPY OF TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH IF POSSIBLE ON ARRIVAL CANBERRA DECEMBER 3 IN ORDER TO PREPARE COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION AS PRESS RELEASE AT LUNCHEON.

(C) COMMERCE'S REF (A) CONTEMPLATES EXCLUSIVE PRESS INTERVIEW DECEMBER 3 AND FURTHER EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS FOLLOWING DECEMBER 4 SPEECH. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SECRETARY NOT GIVE INTERVIEW DECEMBER 3 SINCE THIS WOULD SCOOP FULL-FLEDGED PRESS CLUB SPEECH. MOREOVER, 30-MINUTE Q AND A PERIOD FOLLOWING SPEECH AT CLUB AMOUNTS TO FULL PRESS CONFERENCE. WE RECOMMEND INTERVIEWS NOT BE SCHEDULED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER BUT THAT INSTEAD ONE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW BE GRANTED MELBOURNE DECEMBER 5 AND ONE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW SYDNEY DECEMBER 6. USIS RECOMMENDS THIS WOULD ENSURE BETTER SUSTAINED PRESS ATTENTION THROUGHOUT VISIT.

(D) WILL MAKE STAND-BY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARLIAMENT VISIT AFTERNOON DECEMBER 4 PROVIDED PARLIAMENT STILL IN SESSION AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF TIME FROM APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE.

(E) IN ACCORDANCE REF (A) RECOMMEND RECEPTION HOSTED BY SECRETARY BE SCHEDULED 6:30 TO 8:30 DECEMBER 5.

5. SYDNEY PROGRAM - CONGEN SYDNEY WILL COVER SYDNEY ARRANGEMENTS SEPTEL FOLLOWING CONSUL GENERAL'S RETURN OCTOBER 31.

6. SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE PROGRAMS - REF (B) RAISES QUESTION OF AMCHAM WORKING SESSIONS WHICH AFFECTS BOTH UNCLASSIFIED

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SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE PROGRAMS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY ON THIS SINGLE POINT.

7. LADIES PROGRAM - COMMERCE WILL RECEIVE SEPTELS FROM CANBERRA, MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY ON LADIES PROGRAMS. IT WILL ASSIST ALL POSTS IN PLANNING THESE PROGRAMS IF COMMERCE CAN ADVISE US NUMBER OF LADIES EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

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8. CONTROL OFFICERS - CONGENS MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY WILL DESIGNATE SEPARATE CONTROL OFFICERS FOR THOSE CITIES AND ADVISE SEPTELS.

9. CANBERRA ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - EMBASSY WILL FORWARD SEPTEL NOVEMBER 1 RE DETAILED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CANBERRA.

10. ALL POSTS NOW LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS FROM USDOC ON COMPOSITION OF PARTY, ADVANCE OFFICER, SECRETARY'S DECISION ON INVITATION TO RESIDENCE, WORKING SESSIONS WITH AMCHAM LIAISON COMMITTEE AND/OR DIRECTORS (REF B) AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS.
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